

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Palos Verdes District.	Application 03-01-034 (Filed January 31, 2003)
Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Oroville District.	Application 03-01-035 (Filed January 31, 2003)
Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Selma District.	Application 03-01-036 (Filed January 31, 2003)
Application of California Water Service Company (U 60 W) for an Order Authorizing it to Increase Rates for Water Service in its Dominguez District.	Application 03-01-037 (Filed January 31, 2003)

**COMMENTS OF THE OFFICE OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES ON  
PROPOSED DECISION OF ALJ THORSON**

Pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates submits these comments on the proposed decision of Administrative Law Judge Thorson.

The PD would adopt the settlement agreement entered into by California Water Service Company (CWS), the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA), and all other parties covering all issues in CWS's general rate increase application for four districts: Palos Verdes District, Oroville District, Selma District, and Dominguez (South Bay) District. ORA endorses the findings and conclusions proposed by the administrative law judge. The proposed decision thoroughly discusses, and fairly and equitably resolves the issues.

ORA has identified minor technical errors in the appendices to the proposed decision. With the following corrections, ORA recommends that the Commission adopt the proposed decision:

- Appendix B, page 3 of 5, for other O&M, \$1,172.9 should be \$1,232.7 in 2003 and \$1,198.9 should be \$1,259.1 in 2004. The corrected total income taxes should be \$1,004.1 in 2003 and \$845.1 in 2004.
- Appendix B, page 4 of 5, for other O&M, \$1,167.4 should be \$1,232.7 in 2003 and \$1,192.9 should be \$1,259.1 in 2004. The corrected total income taxes should be \$2,115.4 in 2003 and \$1,986.1 in 2004.
- Appendix C, page 3 of 5, for other O&M, \$183.5 should be \$196.0 in 2003 and \$187.5 should be \$200.0 in 2004. The corrected total income taxes should be \$244.6 in 2003 and \$210.1 in 2004.
- Appendix C, page 4 of 5, for other O&M, \$184.2 should be \$196.0 in 2003 and \$188.0 should be \$200.0 in 2004. The corrected total income taxes should be \$177.1 in 2003 and \$168.7 in 2004.
- Appendix E, page 3 of 5, for other O&M, \$199.2 should be \$201.2 in 2003 and \$203.6 should be \$205.6 in 2004. The corrected total income taxes should be \$154.1 in 2003 and \$129.8 in 2004.
- Appendix E, page 4 of 5, for other O&M, \$199.2 should be \$201.2 in 2003 and \$203.5 should be \$205.6 in 2004. The corrected total income taxes should be \$157.0 in 2003 and \$144.2 in 2004.
- Appendix F, page 1 of 15, insert (N) next to \$10.05 (3/4-inch meter) and \$2,308.05 (18-inch meter).
- Appendix F, page 2 of 15, insert (I) next to all rates expect next to \$10.05 (3/4-inch meter) and \$2,308.05 (18-inch meter) insert (N).
- Appendix F, page 3 of 15, for 12-inch meter, ,8.25 should be 8.25
- Appendix F, page 4 of 15, for 12-inch meter, ,8.25 should be 8.25
- Appendix F, page 5 of 15, \$1.0303 should be \$1.0304 and (R) should be inserted next to it. Insert (N) next to \$24.50 (3/4-inch meter). For 10-inch meter, \$569.40 should be \$1,876.80 and (I) should be inserted next to it.
- Appendix F, page 6 of 15, insert (R) next to all rates.

- Appendix F, page 7 of 15, \$1.2579 should be \$1.26 and (R) should be inserted next to it.
- Appendix F, page 8 of 15, insert (R) next to \$13.50.
- Appendix F, page 9 of 15, for 10-inch meter, the corrected numbers are \$3.45 in 2004, \$5.75 in 2005 and \$5.75 in 2006.
- Appendix F, page 9 of 15, for 12-inch meter, ,8.25 should be 8.25.
- Appendix F, page 11 of 15, insert (I) next to all rates, except for next to \$14.25 (3/4-inch meter), \$1,567.50 (12-inch meter) and \$2,137.50 (14-inch meter) insert (N).
- Appendix F, page 12 of 15, for 12-inch meter, ,8.25 should be 8.25.
- Appendix F, page 13 of 15, insert (I) next to all rates, except for next to \$15.18 insert (N).
- Appendix F, page 14 of 15, insert (I) next to all rates.
- Appendix F, page 15 of 15, Schedule No. OR-1 should be Schedule No. SL-1.
- Appendix F, page 15 of 15, ,1.65 should be 1.65.
- Appendix F, page 15 of 15, Schedule No. OR-2R should be Schedule No. SL-2R and the following are the corrected rates.

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Schedule No. SL-2R

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
	Per service connection		
Service Charge:	<u>Per Month</u>		
6,000 sq. ft., or less.....	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.20
6,001 to 10,000 sq. ft. ....	0.25	0.25	0.25
10,001 to 16,000 sq. ft. ....	0.30	0.30	0.30
16,001 to 25,000 sq. ft. ....	0.40	0.40	0.40
For each additional single-family residential unit on the same premises and served from the same service connection .....	\$ 0.15	0.15	0.15

Respectfully submitted,

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